



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

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### **Ward 4 – Near Drowning – 7600 Block of East Fair Meadows Loop**

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Dispatch Time – 1629

On-Scene Time – 1638

A two-year-old girl nearly drowned in a bathtub this afternoon. She was at home with her mom and two siblings when the incident occurred. She was out of mom's site for less than one minute when she was found under the water. She was removed from the tub and 9-1-1 was called. Dispatchers provided instructions to the family over the phone until firefighters arrived on scene. Six firefighters and the crew from a helicopter responded. The helicopter was used to transport the child, due to long distance from the hospital, to reduce the transport time.

There have been two drowning incidents, and this is the third near-drowning in Pima County for 2009.

**Drowning can occur in a matter of seconds and in as little as one inch of water.**

- Never leave young children alone near any water.
- Always keep a young child within arm's reach.
- Remove toys and wash cloths when draining the tub as they can prevent proper drainage.